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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown, you're recognized to open on LB 400A.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is the A bill for the child-care training bill that we talked about at some length on General File. As you may remember, the fiscal note was fairly substantial. It has been reduced significantly by the agency. We are still talking about $300,000 in Fiscal Year '01-02, and $500,000 in '02-03. There has been passed out to you a revised fiscal note that does not have numbers in it, and the reason that it does not have numbers is that we are still trying to determine whether these expenses can be covered by federal funds, and so when that happens, we will get back to you and let you know, obviously, whether this will be a General Fund obligation or a federal fund obligation. The agency still is going to be adding staff to reduce the ratio of specialists to child-care facilities for the higher tiers. I actually believe that the reverse should be the case, but that is the way that they have prepared the fiscal note for it. And, as I say, it has been reduced significantly to make it a little bit more reasonable, and I would urge the adoption. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. We're open for discussion on the advancement of LB 400A. Open for discussion. Seeing none, Senator Brown, did you wish to close? Senator Brown waives her option to close. The question before the body is, shall LB 400A be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on advancement of LB 400A. Have you all voted who care to? We are voting on advancement of LB 400A. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: I would ask for a call of the house, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to place the house under call, Mr. President.